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## OFFICERS TO HOLD SMITH COUNTY ELECTIONS SELECTED

The judges, clerks and officers to hold the regular August election and the democratic primary election on Thursday, August 3rd, have been selected and their names appear in this week's issue of the Courier.

In the regular election the voters will vote for sheriff, trustee, tax assessor, school directors, constables and a magistrate in the 2nd district to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of N. B. West. The candidates for county offices before the regular election are B. M. Dean for sheriff, J. S. Thomas for trustee, and D. K. Reeves for tax assessor, who were nominated last fall in the democratic primary.

Also, the voters of the state on the above date will determine by ballot as per an Act of the last legislature as to whether or not a constitutional convention will be called. The same officials holding the regular election will be in charge of the constitutional convention election, however, separate tickets (on which the wording "For a Convention" and "Against a Convention" will be printed,) poll list and ballot boxes are to be used. In the event the "For a Convention" receives a majority throughout the state another election will be called to be held on the same date as the regular November election at which time the voters of each county will select their respective delegates to attend the convention which will be held in Nashville on Nov. 15, 1916. It will be the purpose of the convention to formulate and recommend amendments to the constitution as is deemed wise, and these proposed amendments must be submitted to the voters of the state who will vote on each of them separately at the date designated by the convention. The convention is to be composed of 99 members, the representative districts to be the same as now compose the repre-

sentative in the General Assembly.

There are many sound and logical reasons given in favor of the Convention, and such a convention composed of good, sound and able men should offer amendments to the constitution that are much needed and such that would put the state in the front ranks of progress. To say the least of it, since all the proposed amendments would have to be submitted to the people there could no material harm be done, and with this in mind the people of Smith county can afford to vote for the Convention.

In the democratic primary there are five candidates, L. B. Mathews and E. C. Smith who are opposing each other for the nomination of state senator to represent Smith and Wilson county in the senate of the next General Assembly, and H. T. Key, I. D. Beasley and W. C. Wilson who are making a warm fight for the nomination of representative from Smith county in the next session of the General Assembly.

There will be no primary election held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress. N. G. Robertson of Lebanon, who it was thought would oppose the re-nomination of Congressman Cordell Hull, has declined to enter the race and Mr. Hull has been declared the nominee by the democratic congressional committee.

## Ships 8 Cars Corn

Robert Heflin of Lancaster, one of the county's biggest grain dealers, shipped eight cars of corn last week. Mr. Heflin handles a large amount of grain yearly and pays top market prices to the farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gold have returned from Murfreesboro where they have been attending the State Normal.

Miss Wilhelmina Webb has returned from a month's visit to relatives at Nashville and Louisville.

## Social and Personal Notes

Madam, did you know that Luxury Bread is the best made? Roy Samson.

The pretty residence of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Duval on Jefferson avenue is nearing completion.

Profs. Ovid Neal and Heckman of the Elmwood High School were in Carthage as the guests of the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kennedy.

Luxury, 10c loaf and Pan Dandy, 5c loaf, are made in the best equipped bakery in the county. Try it and you'll enjoy the flavor. Roy Samson.

Miss Olester Huffines returned last week from Murfreesboro where she had been attending Middle Tennessee Normal.

Mrs. Roy Samson and little son are visiting relatives at Hartsville.

Miss Georgia Smith is at Lancaster where she has accepted a position as one of the teachers in the Lancaster school.

Try Pan Dandy Flour. Made from the very best Western Wheat in the mill that knows how to make flour. Sold in Carthage by Roy Samson.

Miss Lovie Mai Huffines has returned from a week's visit to relatives and friends at Dixon Springs and Hartsville.

Get a pound of Neuhoff's Ideal Breakfast Bacon from Roy Samson. He will slice it nice and thin on a regular slicing machine.

S. S. Pettross has recently moved his family to Carthage and they are now occupying their handsome new residence on Jefferson avenue.

Prof. J. J. Hendrickson, principal of the Gordonsville High School, has sold his home in Gordonsville to John B. Wilson. Mr. Hendrickson is preparing to take charge of the dormitory which is to be added to the Gordonsville school.

You can't slice Breakfast bacon with a butcher's knife like it should be. Get a supply from Roy Samson and have it sliced like you want it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winkler of Pleasant Shade and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hubbard of Bluff Creek were in Carthage Wednesday.

Roy Samson transacted business in Nashville first of the week.

Announcement has been made of the big steamboat excursion on the Str. Robert Rhea from Hartsville to Carthage on July 30th, and from Rome to West Point on July 31st. The excursion will be in charge of Capt. George Brickley, who knows how to make an occasion of this kind one of genuine pleasure to all, and there is no doubt that the pleasure trip will be enjoyed by hundreds. Read the detailed schedule of hours and rates published in another column of the Courier.

Breakfast bacon sliced by machine is thin and even. Gives it a better flavor and it will go at least one third further. Call Roy Samson. He has the best.

A. F. Fuqua, who has been working in the City Barber Shop for the past nine months, has purchased a new and up-to-date chair and moved in with John Petty. Messrs. Petty and Fuqua are occupying a part of the building just opposite the Walton Hotel.

25 cents worth of Neuhoff's Ideal bacon sliced on a good machine will go as far as 50 cents worth of any fresh meat, and is much better. Roy Samson has it.

Mr. and Mrs. Flat, Mrs. J. A. Lovell and grand son, Waymond Smith, of Gallatin have returned to their home after spending several days with Mrs. A. J. Apple. She was accompanied home by

Mrs. Apple who will spend several days as her guest.

Miss Myrtle Frogue returned last Friday from a three weeks' trip to Wilder where she was the guest of her sister Mrs. Alfred Williams. She was accompanied by Mrs. Williams who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frogue.

When you want the very best there is in grocery line just step to your phone and call No. 49. That's Roy Samson's number. He delivers the goods.

A. R. Carter, representing the Beasley Auto Co., of this city reports that he is having a fine sale of the celebrated Ford automobile, averaging the sale of a car a day.

Don't forget to buy the Atlas E-Z Seal fruit jars from Roy Samson. Less trouble, more sanitary, much safer.

Miss Hallie Jared of Gentry was in Carthage Tuesday as the guest of Miss Ollie McGinness.

National Biscuit Company's cakes and crackers at Roy Samson's store. Best line in the United States. Try the Little Square Crackers. It's a dandy.

Mrs. Addie Garrett of Muscogee, Okla., is in Carthage as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ed High.

Roy Samson has sold eleven BOSS-OIL-AIR STOVES. Who wants to make it a dozen?

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robinson and little daughter, Louise, returned home from several days visit at Gainesboro.

Mrs. Ellison Garrett and little son, Lawrence, are here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Newton Jones is in Nashville where she underwent a serious operation yesterday. Reports from Mrs. Jones this morning are that she is improving nicely.

Best line of Picnic lunch goods at Roy Samson's. Most everything you want in this line. Phone No. 49. He delivers the goods.

## EDUCATIONALLY RALLY AT ROME SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

There will be a big educational rally held at Rome on Saturday July 29th, and all persons interested in the educational progress of Smith county are invited to come, the teachers are urged to attend. Following is the program for the day, which will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning: Devotional Exercises, Rev. J. W. Estes.

Rural Supervision, S. L. Smith. Consolidation and Transportation of Schools, Hon. R. L. Jones. Vocal Solo, W. W. Heckman. Common Schools and High Schools, A. S. Williams.

Are the High Schools a Paying Investment—Is a High School Education Worth While? J. J. Hendrickson.

Vocal Solo, W. W. Heckman. Why other schools are ahead of ours, Miss Bartie Moore. Preparedness, Ovid Neal. Vocal Solo, W. W. Heckman. Smith County's Future, W. E. Myer.

## DELEGATES MEET WITH STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

A. M. Nelson, state highway engineer, was met in Carthage Monday by delegates from various sections of the county who were interested in having the automobile tax spent on portions of the road in their section. At the last session of the legislature a measure was passed authorizing the automobile tax to be spent on the roads in the county from which such tax was collected, and at the July term of the county court Chairman Allen was authorized to appoint a committee to look after the expenditure of this money. The committee appointed was W. B. Ford, Ike Cardwell and R. M. McDonald. For some time Mr. Nelson gave the audience, which had assembled in the court room, some timely advice along the subject of road-building and outlined the conditions upon which the money would be expended.

## Mathews Goes After Smith; Answers Questions, And Asks a Few.

### The Salary of Tax Assessor Raised to \$1500 by Senator Smith.

To Hon. Ernest C. Smith, New Middleton, Tenn. Dear Sir:—

I have read your letter addressed to me and published in last week's issue of the Courier, and am taking the liberty of replying through the same channel.

You will permit me to say that I was greatly surprised at your failure to appreciate a courtesy shown by one candidate to his honorable opponent.

It was well known that you would have been here on the first Monday in this month with the other legislative candidates but for unavoidable circumstances. I did not wish to take advantage of my opponent's absence under such circumstances in order to get myself before the people, nor even to make a simple announcement, as I was advised by some of my friends to do. I felt sure that you would appreciate my action in the matter and would commend me for so doing. I did not think any man in the county would misconstrue my motives and criticize me for it, and you, to whom the courtesy was shown, least of

all. Your statement, "I trust you will not hereafter let any fancied obligation cause you to withhold anything from the people on account of my inability to be present," is only one of the small strokes of the practiced politician, and fails to induce me to vary from my determination to conduct my canvass on an honorable and courteous plane. If you will do this, which I had hitherto expected of you, the people can choose between us, and neither will have the right to complain.

As to the questions you ask in your letter, I am glad to answer them specifically and in order, and any other information I can give you will be cheerfully furnished.

1st: As to the "County Directors." On this subject I have made my position as plain as the English language allowed, on two former occasions, but, that you and all others interested may now definitely know, I will for the third time, state that I am unalterably opposed to abolishing the district director

### ASKS RECORD ON RAILROAD PASSES.

system in Smith County, and am opposed to a County School Board.

2nd: On the matter of high schools: In this connection I wish to say for your benefit that the present high school law was enacted in 1899. Under this law the matter of establishing high schools in any county is left to the wisdom and good judgement of the County Court, and knowing the high character and sound discretion of the magistrates of Smith County I am content to leave that matter in their hands. Personally, I have always felt that the County Schools should not be permitted to suffer on account of the high schools, or for the promotion of any other educational interest. It is natural that the country schools, in which I have labored, shall never suffer at my hands. We must have longer terms in the schools.

3rd: On the matter of Road Improvements: This, too, I have answered plainly on former occasions. I am in favor of improvement of the county roads wherever it can be done with fairness and economy, but I do not believe in the issuance of bonds for that purpose and

pledge myself to repeal the present enabling act authorizing a bond issue for road purposes in Smith County.

4th: On the matter of Woman's Suffrage: Since both the National and State platforms have declared for a submission of this question to a vote of the people I shall favor such a course. Personally, however, I am opposed to bringing the good women of our country into the mire of politics.

5th: On the matter of free passes. On this I stand squarely on the Democratic platform which opposes the issuances of free passes for any purpose.

I have never in my life ridden upon a railroad pass, nor solicited one for any person. I call on you, Senator Smith, to stand before the people of Smith County and say as much.

6th: As to the so-called "teachers' resolutions" of May 18th: I wish to say that I was not present at the meeting, do not know what occurred, and have never seen nor heard read the resolutions in question. I do not know what they contain, and have never been approached by any member of the so-called

### Senator Smith Favored the Desecration of the Sabbath With Baseball.

committee. I am the candidate of no organization whatever, have no railroad, corporation or U. S. Senator interested in my campaign, neither have I had my picture published in any paper owned by a U. S. Senator, and am not an applicant for a political job at the end of my term.

I have tried to answer you fairly and completely on every question asked. Will you be kind enough to take the people into your confidence and tell them something of your record as their Senator?

Did you, or did you not vote for a bill to desecrate the holy Sabbath by making professional baseball games on Sunday lawful?

Did you or not do this to please your friend and former employer W. G. Birsig, who was at that time owner of the professional ball team in the City of Nashville?

Did you, or did you not, introduce and have passed, a bill which raised the salary of the Tax Assessor in Smith County from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 in

an effort to serve your close neighbor and friend who was at that time holding said office?

Is it not true that he had been elected to this office at the salary of \$1200.00 in 1912, and that this bill would have given him some \$900.00 more of the taxpayers money than he would have received under the salary at which he was elected?

Is it not true that the said bill would have given to this official \$300.00 extra every year, of the taxpayers money, had it not been that the Governor vetoed this vicious measure.

Is it true that the people of Smith County, demanded, or even asked for the passage of such a bill? What assurance have the people of Smith county, Senator Smith, that you wouldn't introduce a bill to increase the salary of any of your friends who happened to hold county office?

If you are really desirous that the people know how you stand on the issues before us, why are you not willing to meet me in open discussion? If you are willing to do this I am ready immediately to arrange for dates and places.

Respectfully,  
L. B. MATHEWS.